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SUBJECT: MOROCCO UNDECIDED ON RECOGNITION OF SOUTH OSSETIA
AND ABKHAZIA

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Classified By: DEP/POLCOUNS David R. O'Connor for Reasons 1.4 (b)
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(C) Poloff conveyed the U.S. request on August 27 that Morocco not follow Russia in recognizing South Ossetia and Abkhazia as independent states to Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs Head of the United Nations Division Azzedine Farhane. Farhane stated that Morocco has no official position on the issue at this time and added that it will likely take the same position of the members of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), which has not yet determined its official position. He suggested that there may be opportunities to discuss this matter with other Arab nations during the upcoming UNGA meeting in New York.

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